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Spanish Liberals Willing to Give Cuba Wider Reforms.

But It All Depends on the United States Not Dictating to Them.

Should We Do so the Great Tribune of the People Can Promise Nothing.

REDUCTIONS IN CUSTOMS TARIFF.

He Blames Canovas's Government for Not Having Carried Out the Promises Which Were Made by the Cortes.

Madrid, April 9.—I again on behalf of the Journal visited Senor Sagasta to-day.

The publication of his new programme of reforms which I forwarded to you yesterday, on his personal authorization, has created an immense sensation here. The other foreign correspondents are thereby excited, and are now buzzing about him like flies.

In reply to my questions, the great Liberal leader of Spain said:

"I cannot precisely state what would be the extent of the wider reforms which the Liberal party would give Cuba, but this will form the new programme of my party. We must study and discuss the question."

"I can, however, say in advance that, the extension of the new reforms will depend chiefly on the conduct of the United States."

Wants to Be Left Alone.

"If the United States will let Spain alone she will do her duty, and the Liberal party will take care she does. We could then grant Cuba much larger reforms than what is generally thought we wish to, and certainly much larger than if the United States interferes."

"If, however, the United States does interfere with her advice, however friendly it be, I can promise nothing, because we cannot accept even the suspicion of being imposed on. It is, therefore, a pity the Government has not applied, in Porto Rico at least, the reforms voted by the Cortes, as these could have served as experiments and showed to what extent we could grant wider liberties."

"It is also a pity that the Government has not applied a reduction of the customs tariff at Cuba and Porto Rico, for which the Cortes voted an authorization."

Wants Tariff Reduction.

"In fact, the Government has not done anything."

"I consider a reduction of the customs tariff as important as reforms themselves. The Government has indeed yielded on this point to the exigencies of the Barcelona protectionist manufacturers."

Senor Sagasta also said to me: "I know that the United States Government has collected data for claiming from Spain \$12,000,000 damages to supposed American subjects in the present war."

What the Papers Say.

The Epoca to-night publishes an article asking Senor Sagasta to explain his plan regarding wider measures of reform for Cuba, as cabled to the Journal.

It supposes that the plan of Senor Sagasta is a middle course between reforms already voted and autonomy. This article, which is hostile to such measures, ends:

"We are persuaded that the great majority of the insurgents will not be satisfied with less than complete separation from Spain. We shall be glad if we are mistaken."

In an article to-day the Imparcial says: "Whatever the Washington correspondents may say, the deep-rooted opinion of the Spanish people is that the United States will at the least take up a position unfavorable to Spain on the Cuban question. The truth is Mr. Cleveland does not wish to appear as if acting under the pressure of Congress, but from his own impulse and free will. He expects we shall give him a pretext, and if some one does he will be much obliged."

The article censures strongly the Republicans, who are, it alleges, trying to artificially organize demonstrations when the country keeps a quiet and dignified silence.

Weyler Wants More Cavalry.

General Weyler has telegraphed asking for cavalry. The War Minister is hastily preparing 5,000 cavalry to be sent immediately.

A naval squadron left Ferrol to-day to await orders while maneuvering at Vigo.

The Cabinet Council met to-day under the presidency of the Queen Regent. When Canovas made his usual speech describing the situation the Premier was very optimistic respecting the attitude of the United States, and insisted that Cleveland would ignore the resolutions of Congress. He further stated there was an impression in Europe very flattering to Spain on the tranquillity with which the country had received the vote of Congress.

Canovas then gave details of the work accomplished for the defense of the harbors and the coasts of Cuba and Spain.

The Minister of War is studying a plan for employing aerostatic balloons in Cuba.

Bicyclist Injured in a Collision.

Joseph Landmann, of No. 443 West Forty-fifth street, was badly injured in a collision between his bicycle and a carriage at the north end of Central Park yesterday afternoon. He was taken to Roosevelt Hospital. His bicycle was wrecked.



The Little Booth-Tuckers.

Commissioner and Mrs. Booth-Tucker have two children, Kristodas, which in Indian signifies "Servant of Christ," and Motee, "Pearl of Purity." They are aged five and four years respectively, and were born in India. They made their first public appearance at the welcome reception to their parents at Carnegie Music Hall Tuesday evening, when they sang "Jesus, the Light of the World." The children are very bright, and play Salvation Army with their dolls in the garrison attached to the National Headquarters in West Fourteenth street.

FAVOR RELIGIOUS DRAMA.

Tendency of British Public in the Direction of Plays of this Character Again Emphasized.

By Julian Ralph.

London, April 9.—A remarkable and significant boom in the drama of religious tendency now prevails in Great Britain. A signal success was achieved to-night at the Shaftesbury Theatre by the new romantic play, "The Sign of the Cross," the author being Stuart Ogilvie, who dramatized "Hypatia" for Beerbohm Tree.

The entire play is eloquent, preaching of the efficacy of faith, yet owing to its dramatic situations and real human interest it is impossible to say whether or not as a whole it is too didactic. Nor does the play offend any one's religious susceptibilities, for though the action is laid in Mindenberg, Germany, during the early years of the Reformation, and depicts many characteristics of the bloody struggle between Catholics and Protestants, it keeps, in this respect, close to the historical truth.

The plot is suggestive of Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter" or Henry Arthur Jones's "Judah." St. Hulda, betrayed as a girl and abandoned by Catholic Count Otto, is taken in hand by Luther. She wins Baron Heinrich, of Mindenberg, from an evil life to passionate love for her, and then to save the faith of her people, of whom Heinrich, reliant in her purity, is leader, denies publicly and courageously the brutal affirmation of Otto that she had been his mistress.

The lie saved the town for the reformers, but a desperate siege of two months follows by the Catholics until the place is relieved. Then Hulda reveals her secret and the people quit her. Heinrich kills Otto in a duel, but still urges the girl, despite her refusal on the ground of unfitness, to marry him. She, however, sees that he is poignantly disillusioned, and has a fatal attack of malady of the heart, but her ascending vision encourages Heinrich to hold fast to the good faith.

It is a lame conclusion, but the play has many dramatic situations. The prose of Ogilvie, though often florid, succeeds in paraphrasing popular religious doctrines and felicitous poetical expressions.

Kate Barker was winning and sympathetic as Hulda; Lewis Waller impressive and manly as Heinrich; but Charles Cartwright was a trifle over-dramatic as Otto. These are only the three characters of first importance in a colossal cast.

The play was gorgeously and appropriately mounted, and there was an ingenious blending of the historical, religious and romantic with the clash of swords following church hymns. There was a total absence of mercenaryness, with the prevalence of a high and lofty tone. It obtained from the splendid house a great popular ovation.

The play may have failings, but it suits the spirit of the times. It will probably run throughout the season.

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GREEK MEETS GREEK.

And the Tug of War at Athens Has No American Athletes Among the Competitors.

Athens, April 9.—This was the fourth day of the Olympic games. The weather, which had hitherto been mild, was excessively cold, and had a marked effect upon the attendance.

None of the American athletes was entered in to-day's events. It is expected that a large crowd will be present to-morrow to witness the finals in several of the running races.

The first event on the programme to-day was a shooting contest at 200 metres. It was won by M. Karassovskis, a Greek, who, with forty shots, scored 588 points. M. Pavlides, another Greek, was second, with 494. Third and fourth places were also won by Greeks, the foreign competitors following after them.

There were several gymnastic contests, in which Greeks carried off the honors.

The city continues thronged with visitors, the places of those who have left being filled by newcomers. Among the strangers present are many who have come from the Riviera.

King Alexander, the young ruler of Serbia, was again to-day an interested spectator of the games. A banquet in his honor will be given at the palace to-night, and there will be a repetition of the illumination of the Acropolis and the city, which for beauty exceeds anything of the kind ever seen here.

GLEN IN HIS OLD PLACE.

Ballington Booth's Lieutenant-Colonel Working at Salvation Army Headquarters.

The heads of the Salvation Army declined yesterday to make public the names of any more deserters from Ballington Booth's Volunteers who seek reinstatement in the Army. Major Peter Glen, Ballington Booth's right-hand man, who resigned from the Volunteers Wednesday, was at the national headquarters of the Army yesterday. He refused to say what prompted him to take the step further than that he became convinced recently that Ballington Booth was wrong in his dispute with the Army, and he could not conscientiously remain with him. At the headquarters of the Volunteers Major Glen was very severely scored for leaving during the Commander's absence. Ballington Booth telegraphed from Chicago early in the day for Major Peter Watkins to take charge until his return to-day.

Commissioner and Mrs. Booth-Tucker addressed a council of staff officers yesterday. Mrs. Booth-Tucker will leave to-day for San Francisco. The Commissioner will accompany her as far as Chicago.

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THAT RAINES LAW ERROR.

Section Which Repeals the Rochester Sewer Act Is Not Viewed as a Joke in that City.

Albany, N. Y., April 9.—That section in the Raines act repealing the Rochester sewer law, which has caused considerable comment here, was a clerical error. Instead of repealing Chapter 744, it should have repealed Chapter 774 on excise law.

Rochester, N. Y., April 9.—The inserting of that section in the Raines Excise law repealing the act of last year in relation to the extension of the West Side sewer in the town of Gates, Monroe County, has led to a complicated state of affairs. The error was merely in the numbering of the act to be repealed, it being intended to repeal an excise act inconsistent with the Raines law. In giving the number of the act, instead of giving the one intended, the number of the one referring to the sewer matter was inserted.

While it was all a mistake, nevertheless the Sewer Extension act stands repealed and those who were opposed to the extension of the sewer outside of the city limits into the town of Gates are taking advantage of the error and making efforts to keep it from being corrected. The assessment for the sewer extension as embodied in last year's enabling act has already been made, and if the extension is not carried out will lead to serious financial complications.

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In the last few months we have sold more than 30,000 pairs of the Gismonda Kid Gloves at ONE DOLLAR a pair. And not a pair unsatisfactory that we know of. These Gloves are of real kid, and are the wonder of every woman who sees them—and of every Glove importer in this town. We have a beautiful assortment of all shades, new shades for this season. Finely embroidered, four pearl buttons. All sizes; and as good as any \$1.50 Glove elsewhere.

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All-wool Checks, usually called Shepherd Plaids, blue-and-white, brown-and-white, black-and-white, 50c yd. Mohair Siciana, brown, tan, gray, navy, green, garnet, 50c yd; usually 75c.

Storm Serge, pure wool, right colors, 50c yd; the 65c grade. French Wool Beige, staple shades, 58c yd; regularly 75c.

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